

Amendments to the Drawings:

Drawing sheet 3/80, 5/80, 8/80-10/80, 16/80, 23/80, 36/80-37/80, 47/80, 63/80, 76/80-80/80 are to be replaced with the amended drawings attached.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of February 9, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer, Amendment to the specification, claims and drawings, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the present specification:

page 34, line 43 is amended to replace "14Bare" with --14B are--;

page 34, line 46 is amended to replace "and" with --to-- with respect to Figures 17A, 17B, 17C and 17D;

page 38, line 37 is amended to replace "308 310" with --308, 310--;

page 38, line 39 and page 40, line 17 are amended to replace "316" with --1200--;

page 38, line 40 and page 39, line 1 are amended to replace "320" with --500--;

page 39, line 33 is amended to insert the reference numeral "1012" for the air hose;

page 41, lines 20-21 are amended to replace "1402, 1404" with --1402 and 1404--;

page 41, line 25 is amended to replace "The may be" with --They may be--;

page 41, line 29 is amended to replace "1617" with --1616--;

page 42, line 4 is amended to replace "1902" with --1904--;

page 42, line 7 is amended to replace "2000-2004" with --2002 and 2004--;

page 42, line 10 is amended to delete "2022";

page 42, line 11 is amended to replace "2002, 2004" with --2002 and 2004--;

page 42, line 21 is amended to replace "1910, 1912" with --1910 and 1912--;

page 45, line 5 is amended to replace "Figure 24" with --Figure 24B--;

page 50, line 6 is amended to replace "24b" with --3024b--;

page 52, line 12 is amended to replace "Figure 36" with --Figure 37A--;

page 52, line 14, page 55, lines 5 and 35 and page 59, line 39 are amended to remove all references to Figures 37C;

page 52, line 18 is amended to delete "(see Figure 22)";

page 54, line 7 is amended to replace "Figure 35A" with --Figure 37A--;

page 56, lines 17 and 19 are amended to replace "Figures 43, 49 and 59" and "Figures 35A, 49 and 59" with --Figure 43-- and --Figure 35A--, respectively;

page 56, line 17 and page 58, line 23 are amended to replace "111" with --3111--;

page 56, line 22 is amended to replace "91" with --3091--;

page 57, line 26 is amended to replace "3046" with --46--;
page 57, line 31 and page 59, line 31 are amended to replace "90b" with --3090b--;
page 59, line 18 is amended to replace "118c" with --3118c--;
page 60, line 7 is amended to replace "33C" with --53C--;
page 60, lines 20-21 are amended to replace "3110" with --3110a--;
page 62, line 32 is amended to replace "22b" and "23b" with --3022b-- and --3023b--
, respectively;

page 65, lines 32-33 are amended to replace "140" with --3140-- and "141" with
--3141--;

page 67, line 8 is amended to replace "154" with --3154--;
page 67, line 37 is amended to replace "146" with --3150--;
page 69, line 25 is amended to replace "30543" with --3543--;
page 69, line 27 is amended to replace "532" with --3532--;
page 71, line 20 is amended to replace "831" with --3831--;
page 71, line 24 is amended to delete "3834";
page 72, line 13 is amended to replace "803" with --3803--;
page 72, line 29 is amended to replace "3029" with --3829--;
page 72, line 30 is amended to replace "3011" with --3811--;
page 73, line 6 is amended to delete "3843"; and
page 73, line 9 is amended to replace "820" with --3820--.

In the drawings:

Figure 3 is amended to replace reference numeral "320" with --500-- and the delete
the second line for reference numeral "324";

Figure 5 is amended to replace reference numeral "316" with --1200--;
Figure 9 is amended to replace reference numeral "808" with --520--;
Figures 8C and 9 are amended to delete reference numeral "810";
Figure 10 is amended to move the line for reference numeral "1012";
Figure 16 is amended to delete reference numeral "1612";
Figure 23 is amended to delete reference numeral "3026a";
Figure 36 is amended to delete reference numeral "3096b";
Figure 37A is amended to delete reference numerals "3096b" and "3093c";
Figure 42D is amended to delete reference numeral "3096b";
Figure 53C is amended to replace reference numeral "3091B" with --3091b--;

Figure 65 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3816";
Figure 66 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3816";
Figure 67 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3816";
Figure 68 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3880";
Figure 69 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3812";
Figure 71 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3880"; and
Figure 72 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3823".

In the abstract:

the language "is disclosed" is replaced with --is provided--.

In the claims:

independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 13;

dependent claim 4 is amended to recite that the core is supported at each end by an inward facing hub;

dependent claims 13 and 19-48 is cancelled; and

dependent claims 2, 3, 5-12 and 14-18 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of pending claims 12 and 13 under the conditions stated in the Office Action.

Regarding Drawing Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendments to the drawings and specification provide the corrections required by the Examiner.

Regarding Specification Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendments to the specification and abstract provide the corrections required by the Examiner.

Regarding Claim Objections

Regarding Claim 4

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to claim 4 provides the correction required by the Examiner.

Regarding Claims 19-48

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw these objections based on the above-described amendment cancelling claims 19-48.

Regarding 35 USC 112, second paragraph Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the clarity rejections based on the above-described amendment cancelling claims 37-39, 41-43 and 48.

Regarding Double Patenting Rejections

With respect to the non-statutory double patenting rejections of pending claims 1, 3-17 over claims 1-14 of US Patent No. 6,991,098, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is being submitted herewith; the present application and US Patent No. 6,991,098 being commonly owned by the Applicant.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the art rejections of the claims over Taylor (US 5,593,035), Newby (US 6,612,473), Sirianni (US 5,413,220), Dong (US 3,228,519), Lanoue (US 5,261,625), Dong (US 3,228,579), Jamet (EP 0 826 618), Taylor (US 2,748,931) and Marcoux (US 4,582,234) based on the above-described amendment to independent claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 13 and for at least the reasons given by the Examiner in the Allowable Subject Matter section of the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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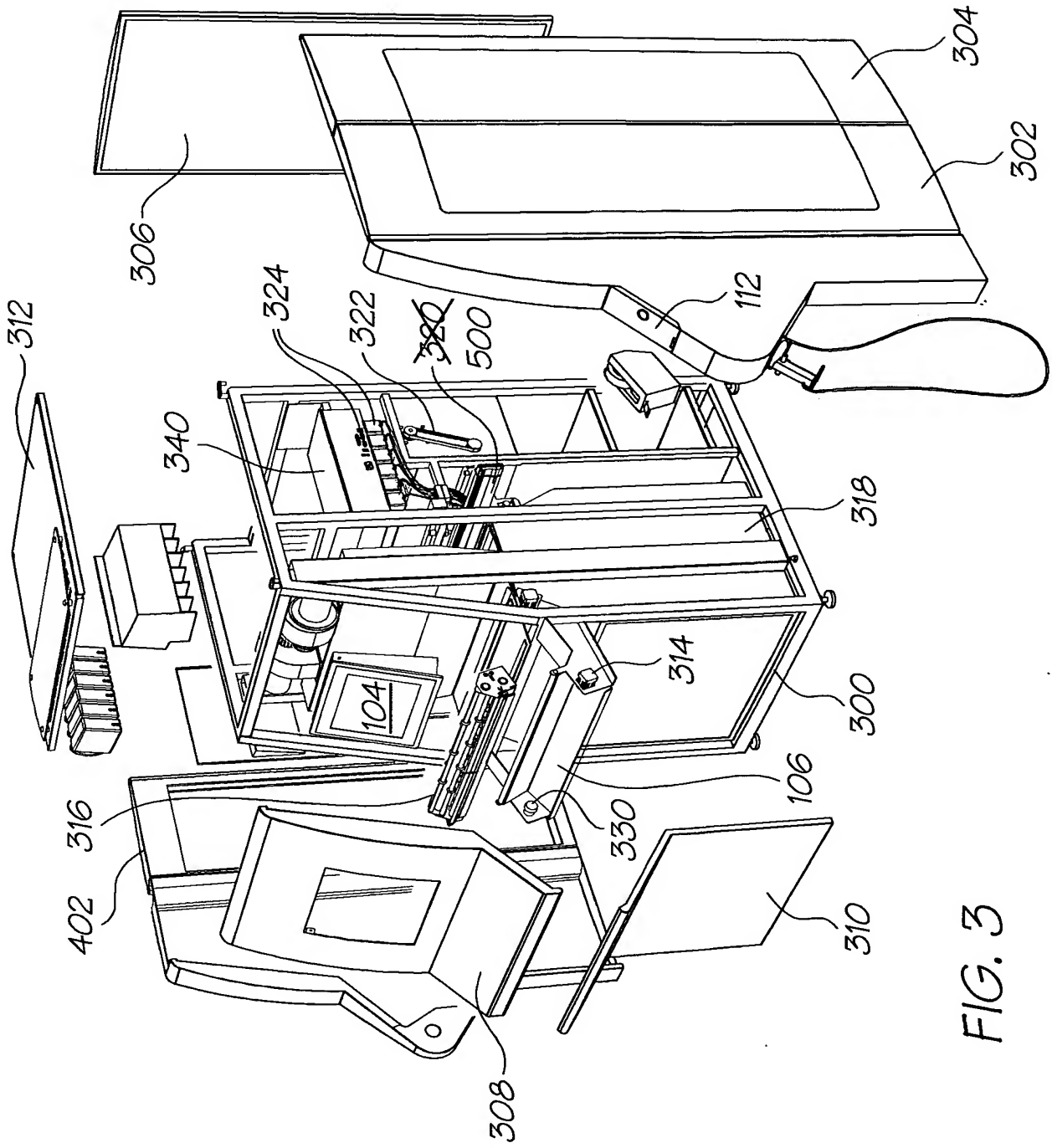


FIG. 3

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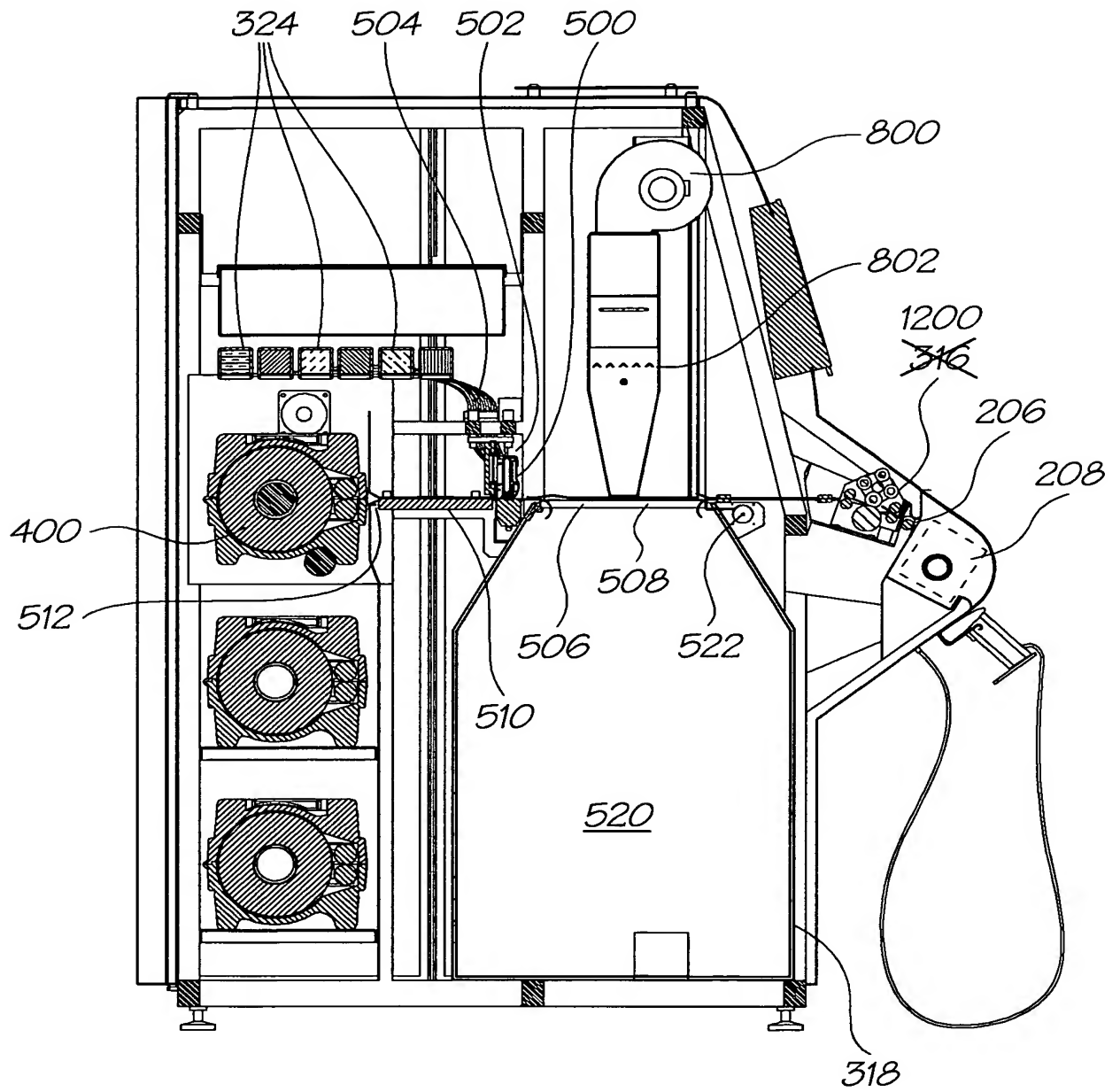


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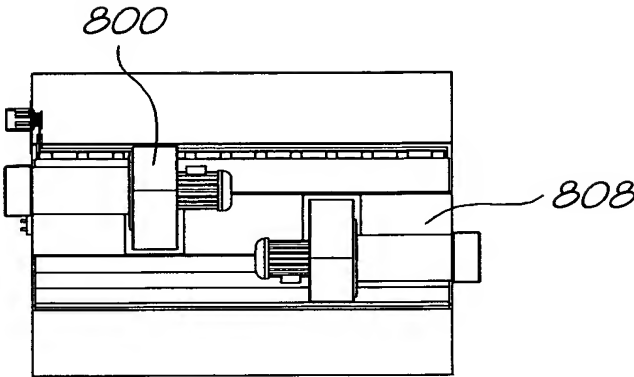


FIG. 8A

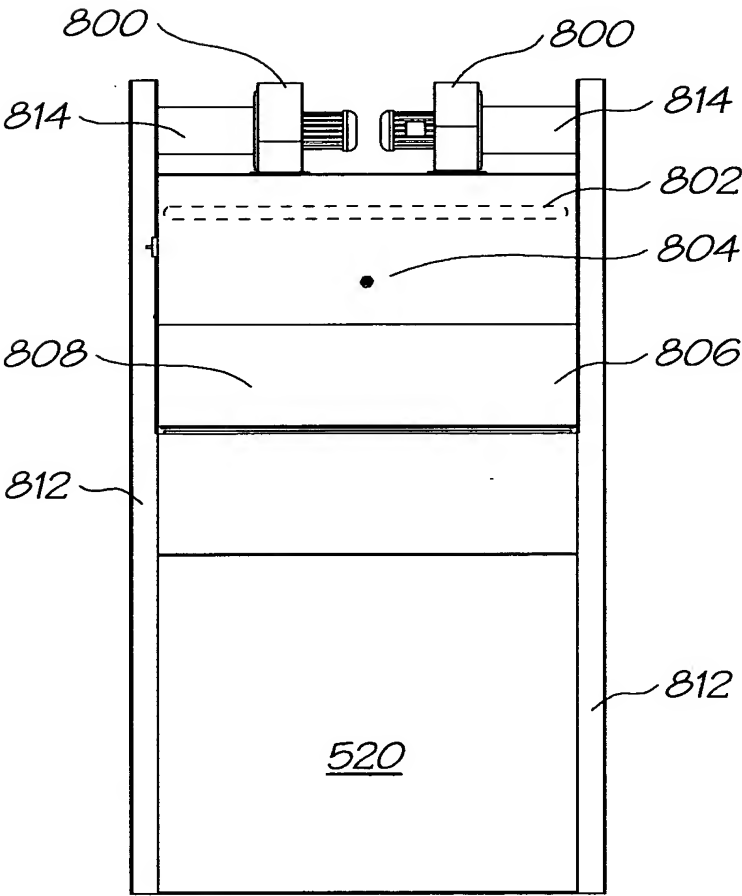


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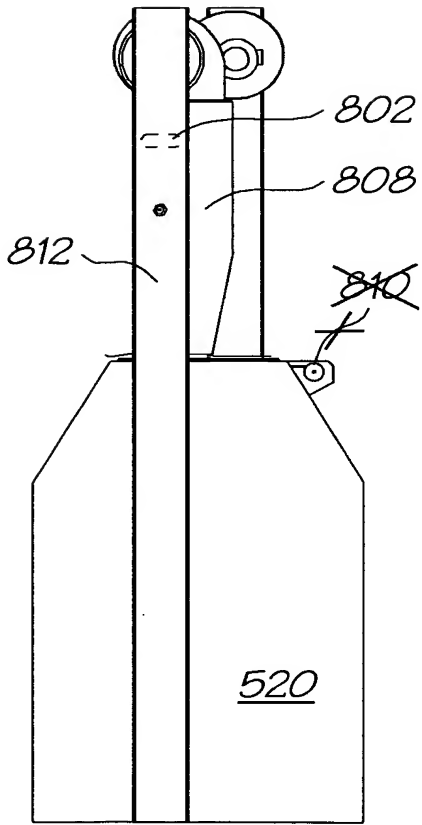


FIG. 8C

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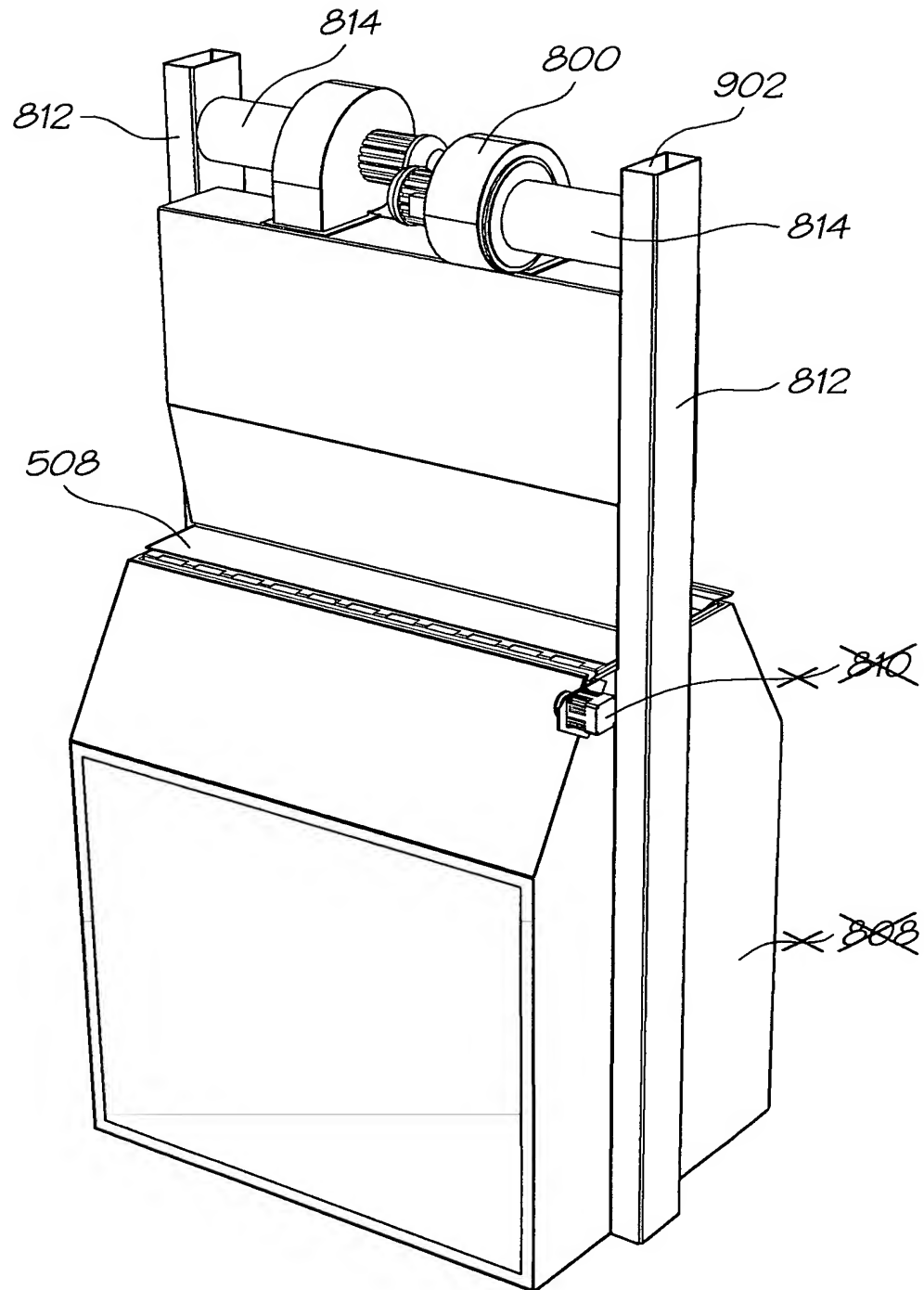


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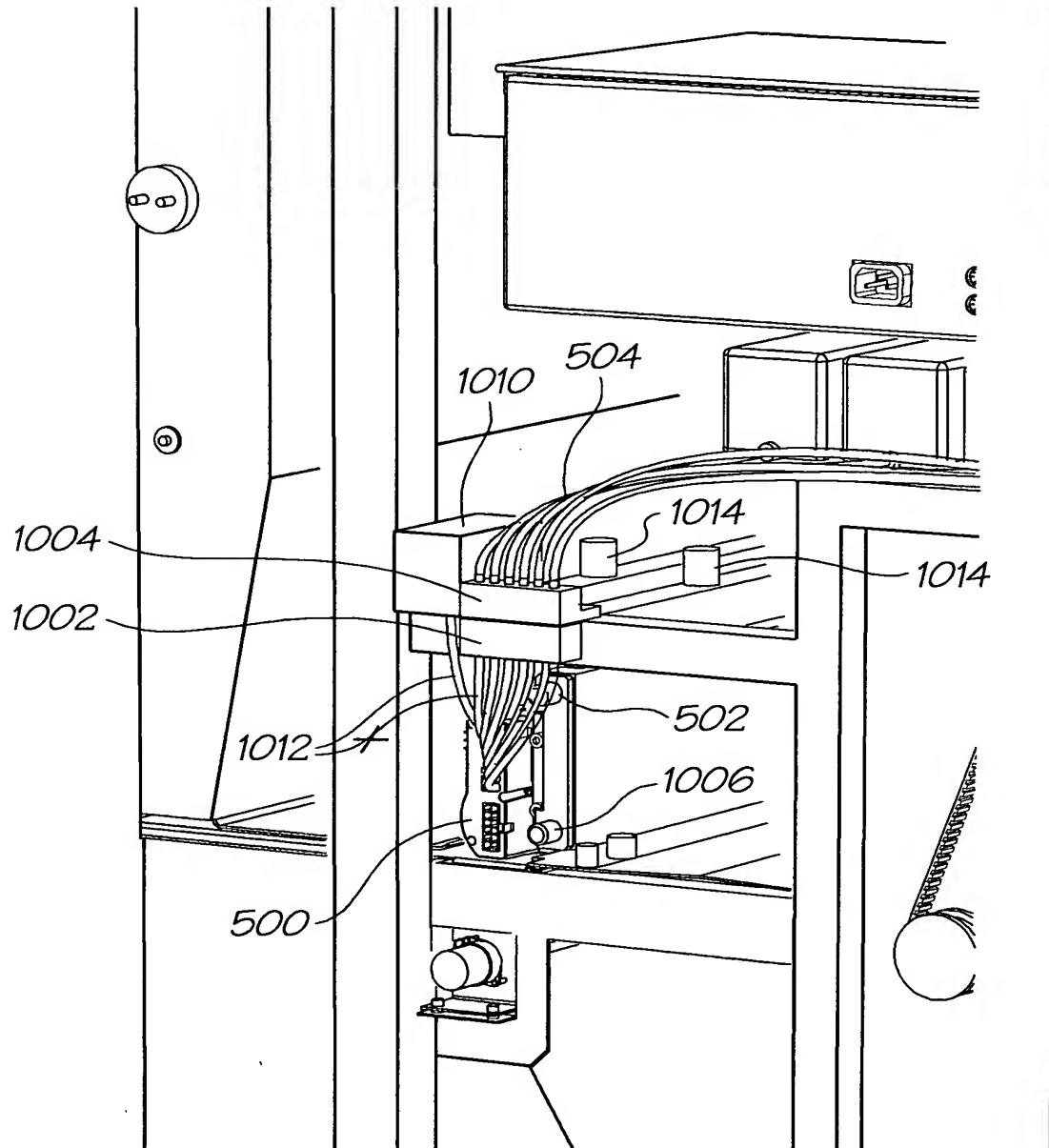
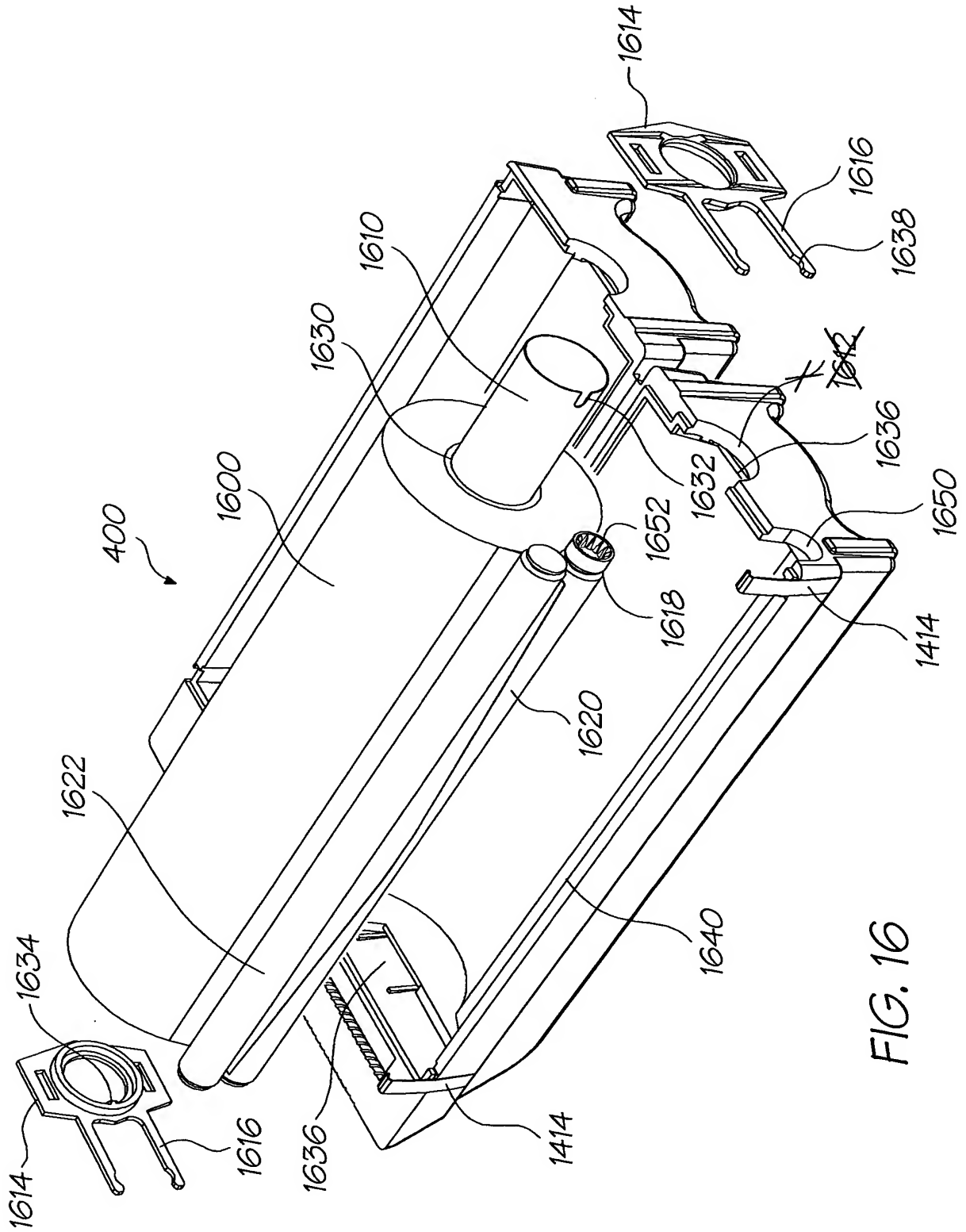


FIG. 10

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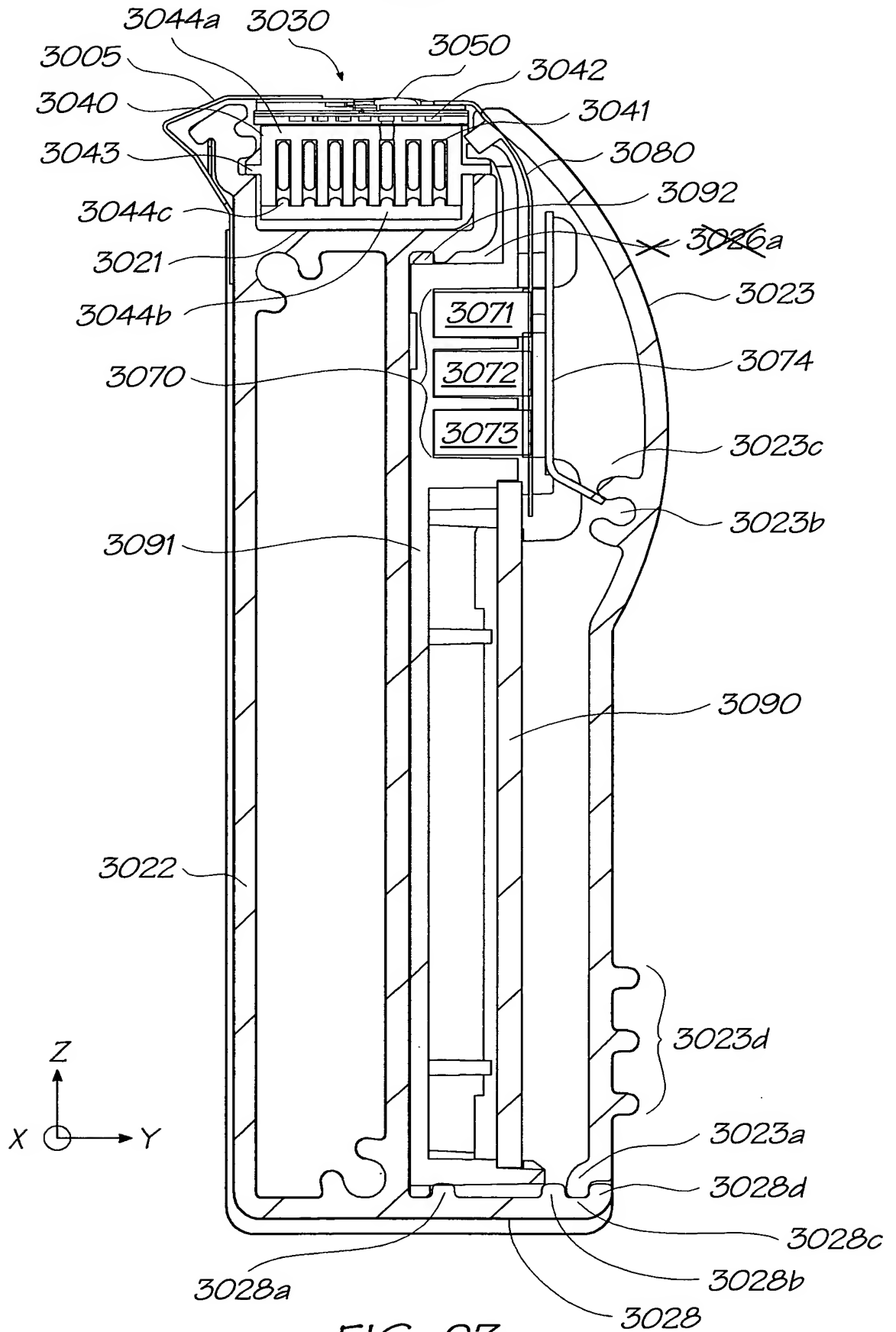


FIG. 23

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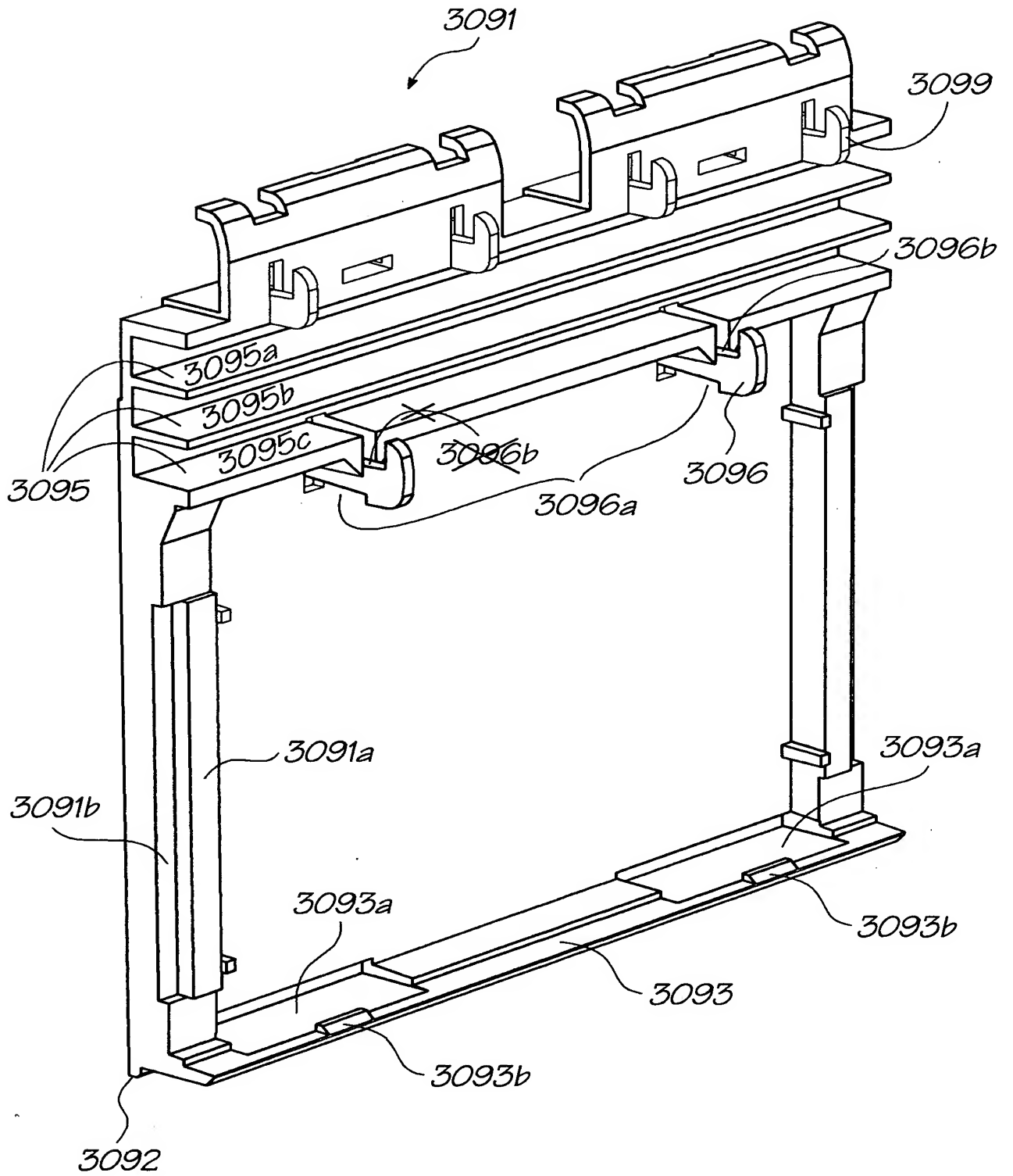


FIG. 36

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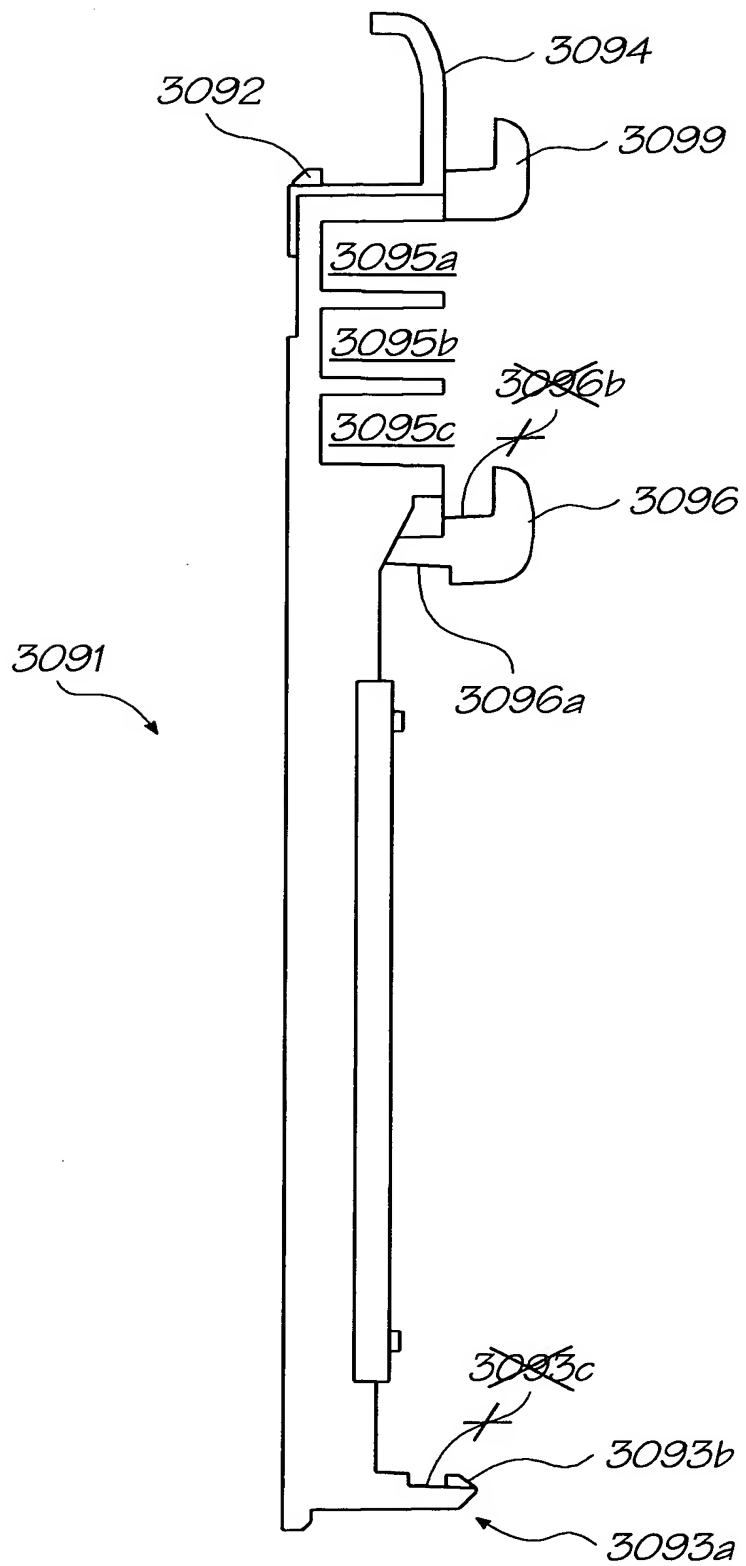
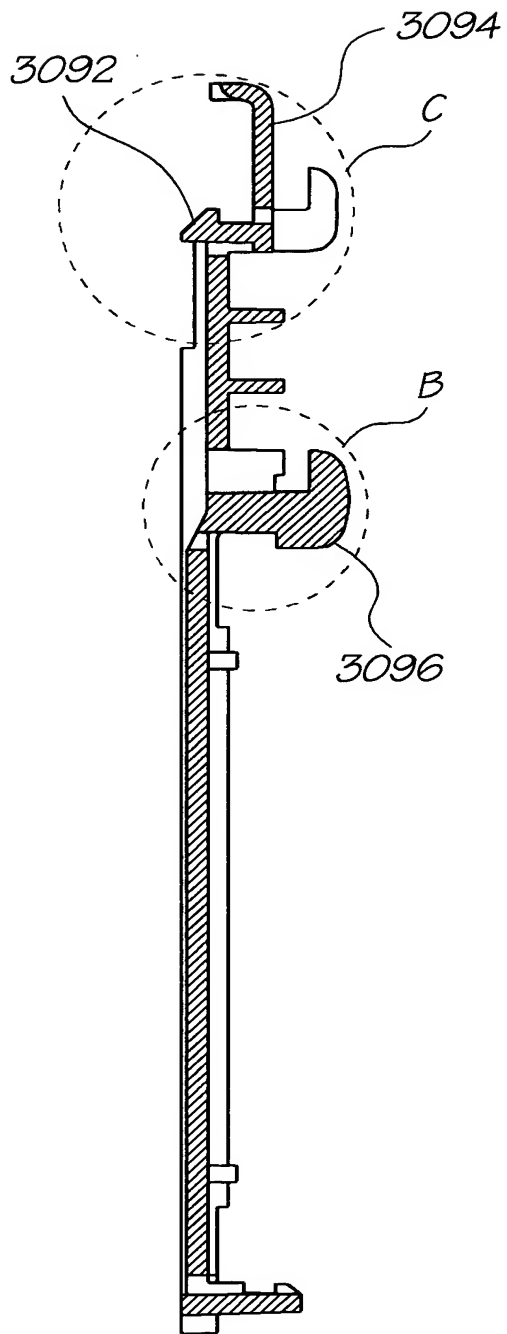


FIG. 37A

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FIG. 42C

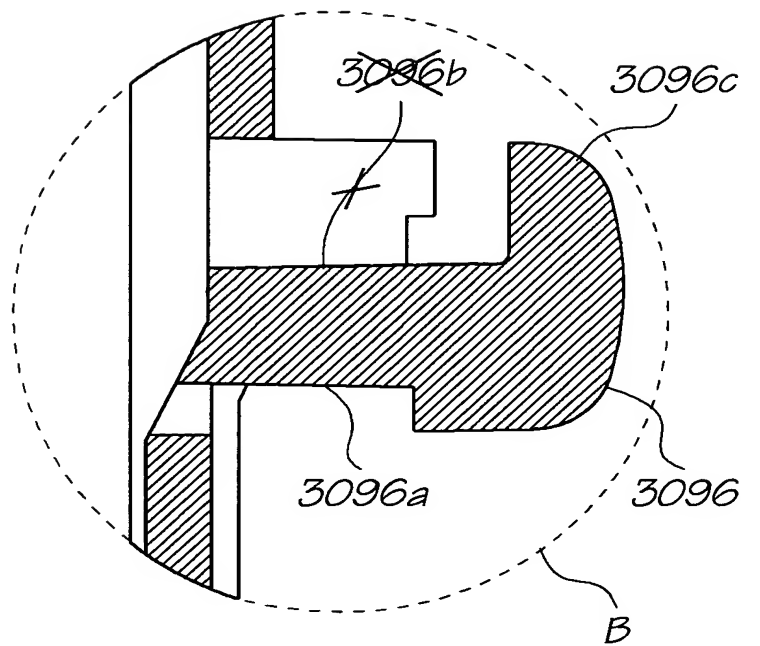


FIG. 42D

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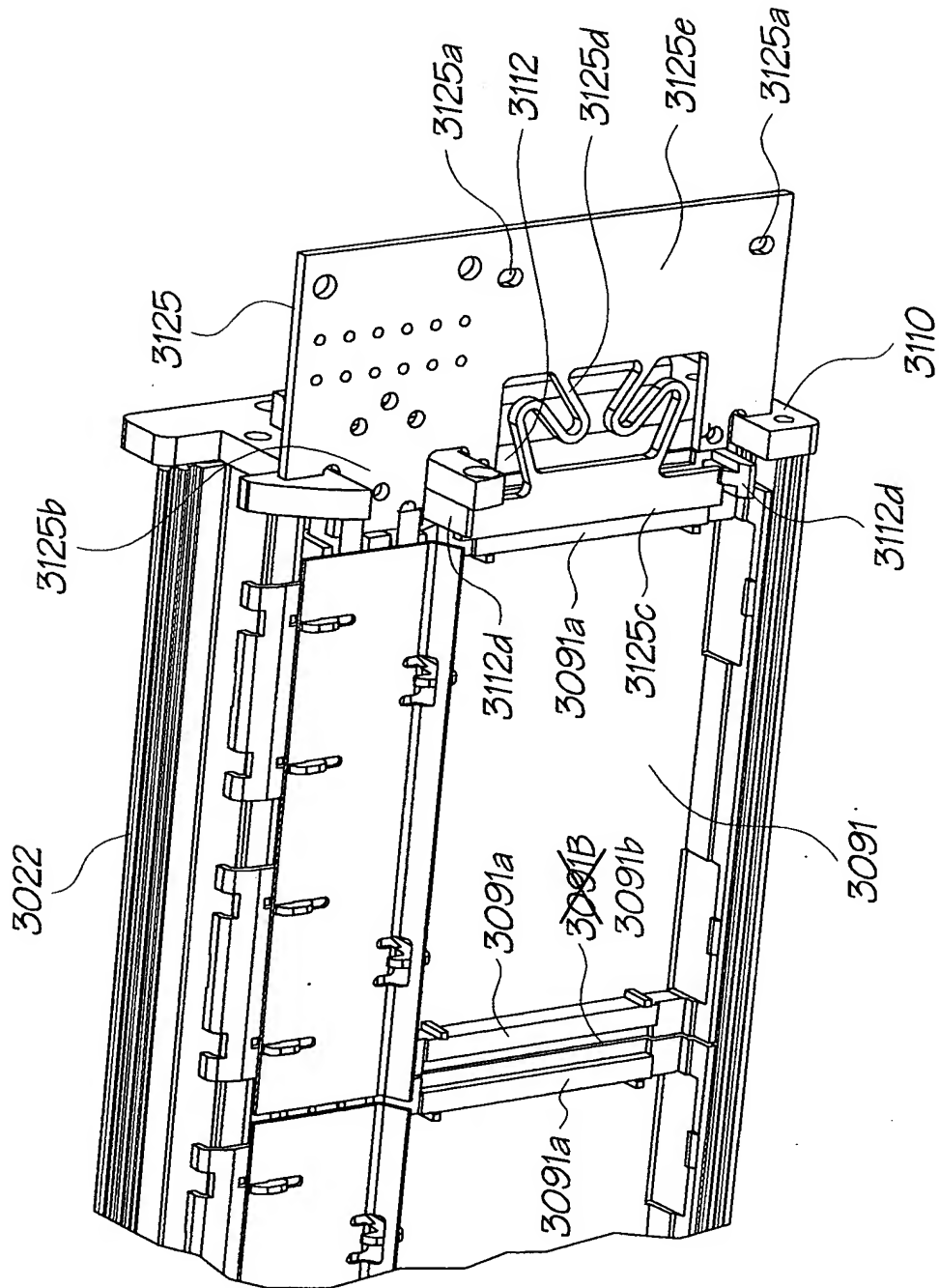
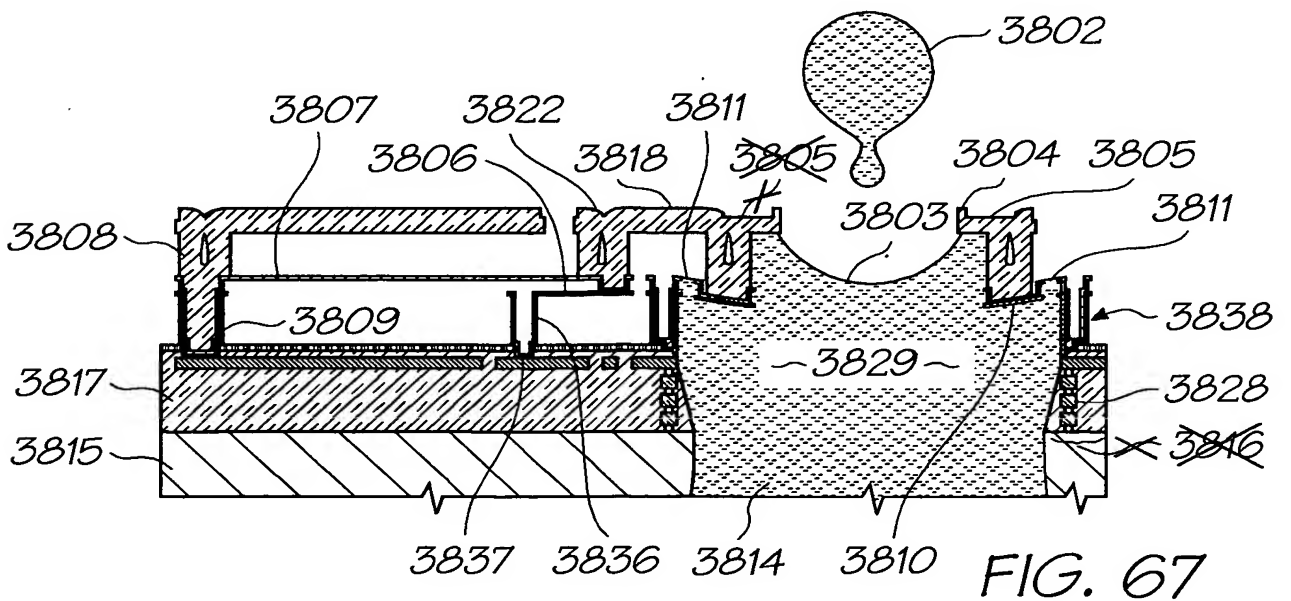
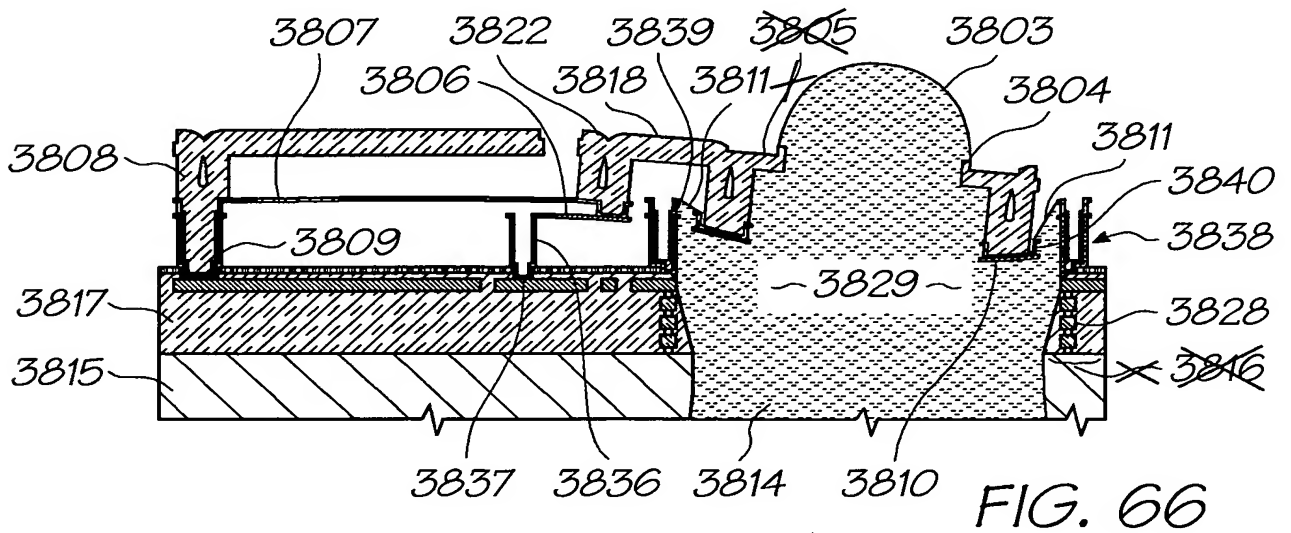
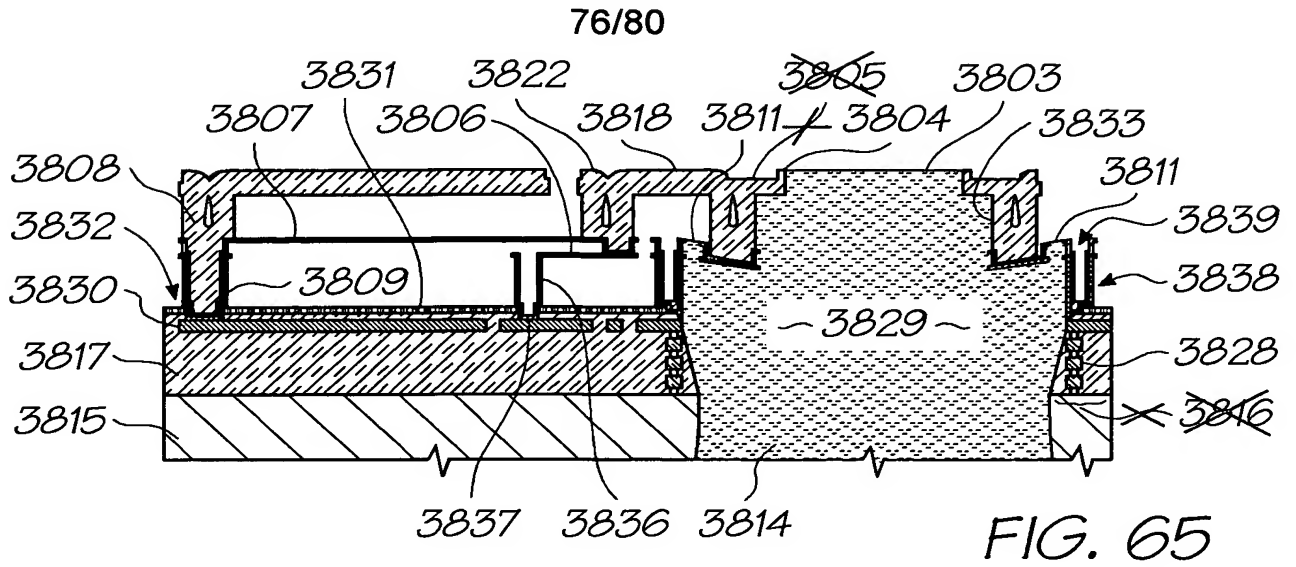
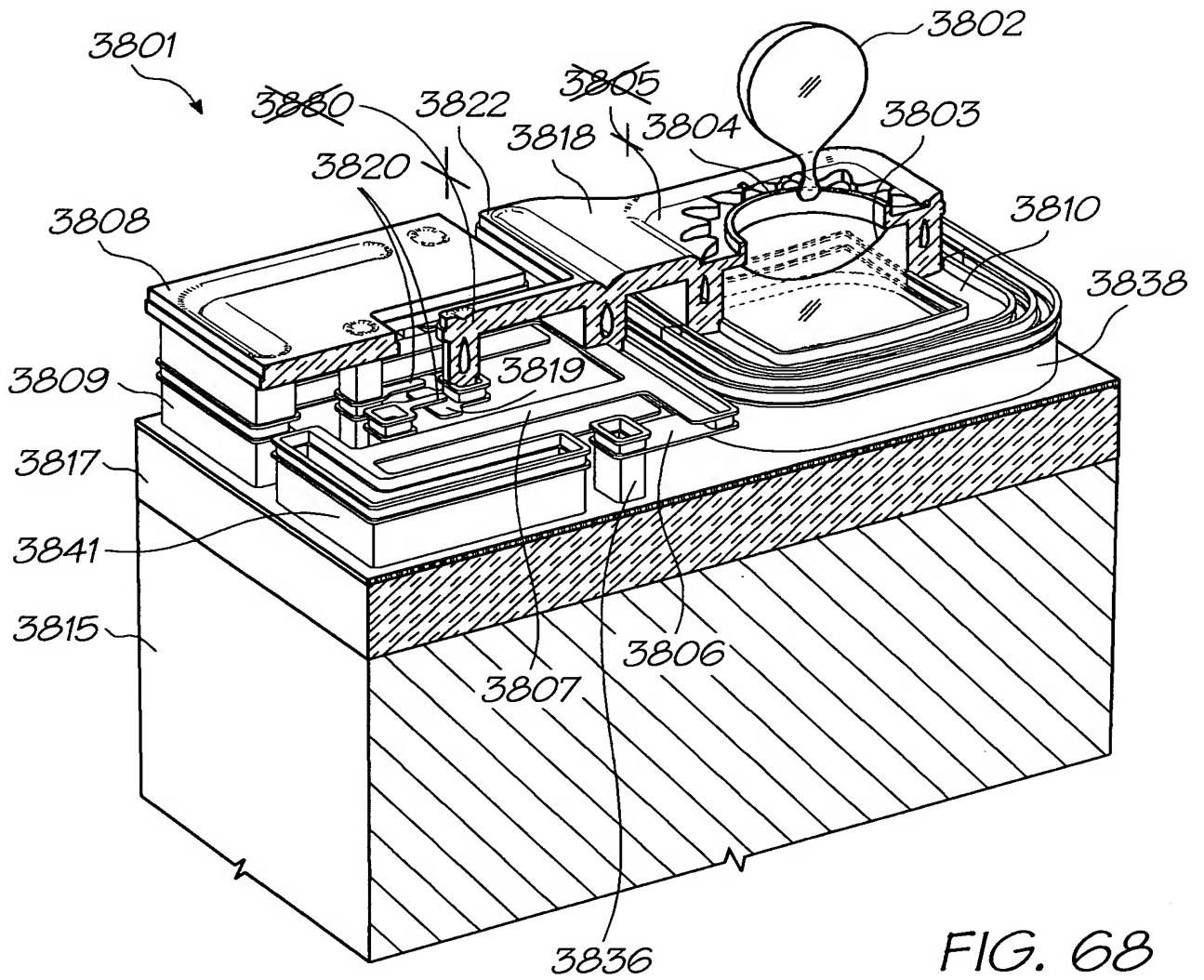


FIG. 53C



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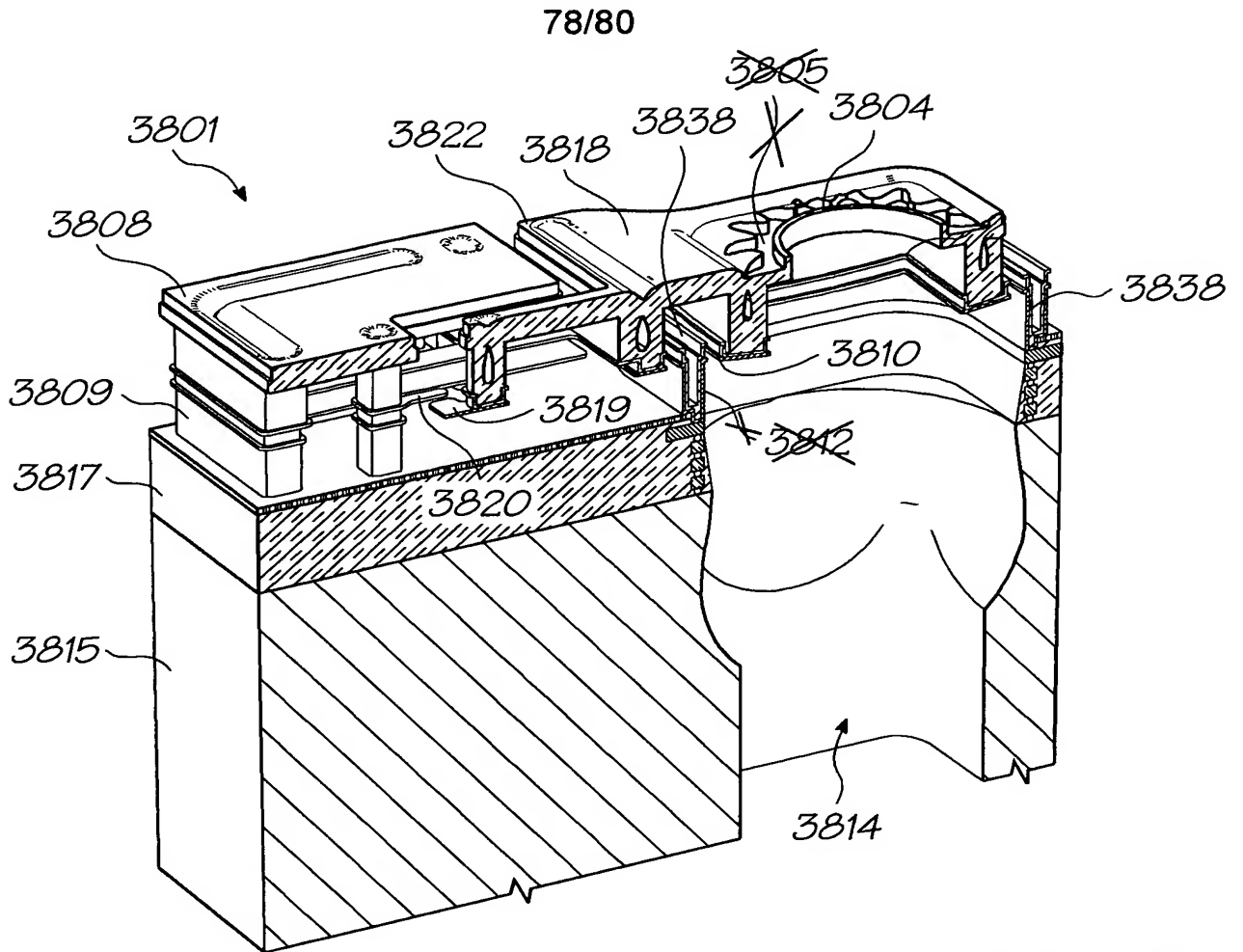


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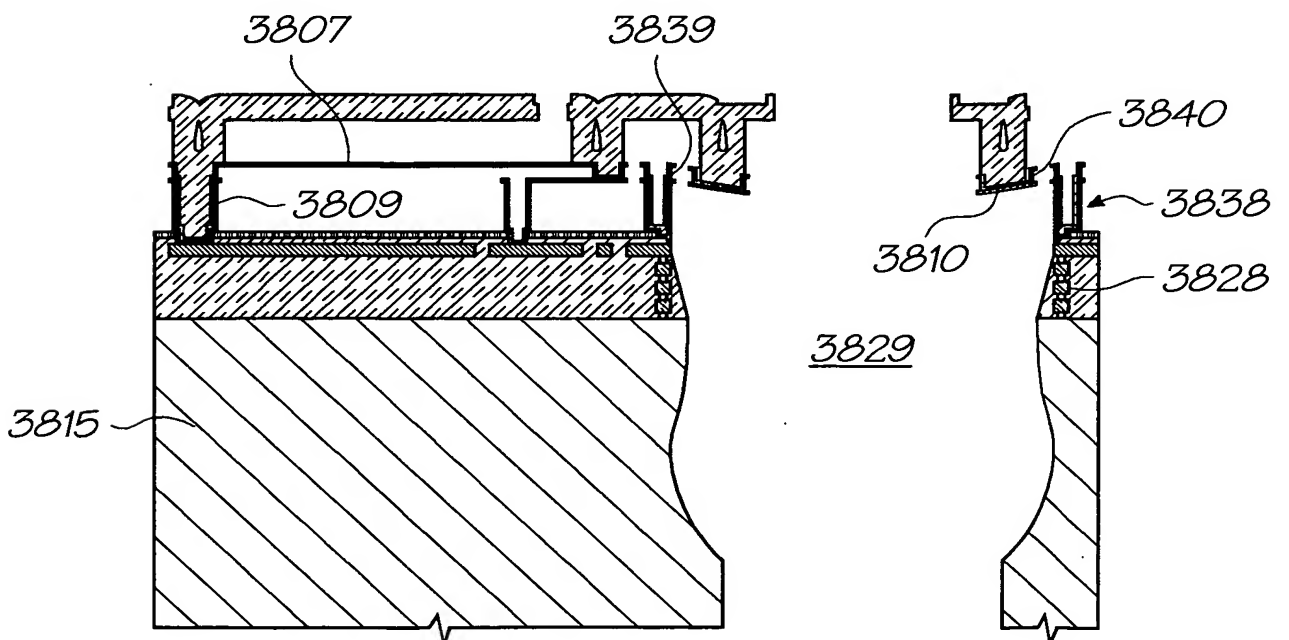
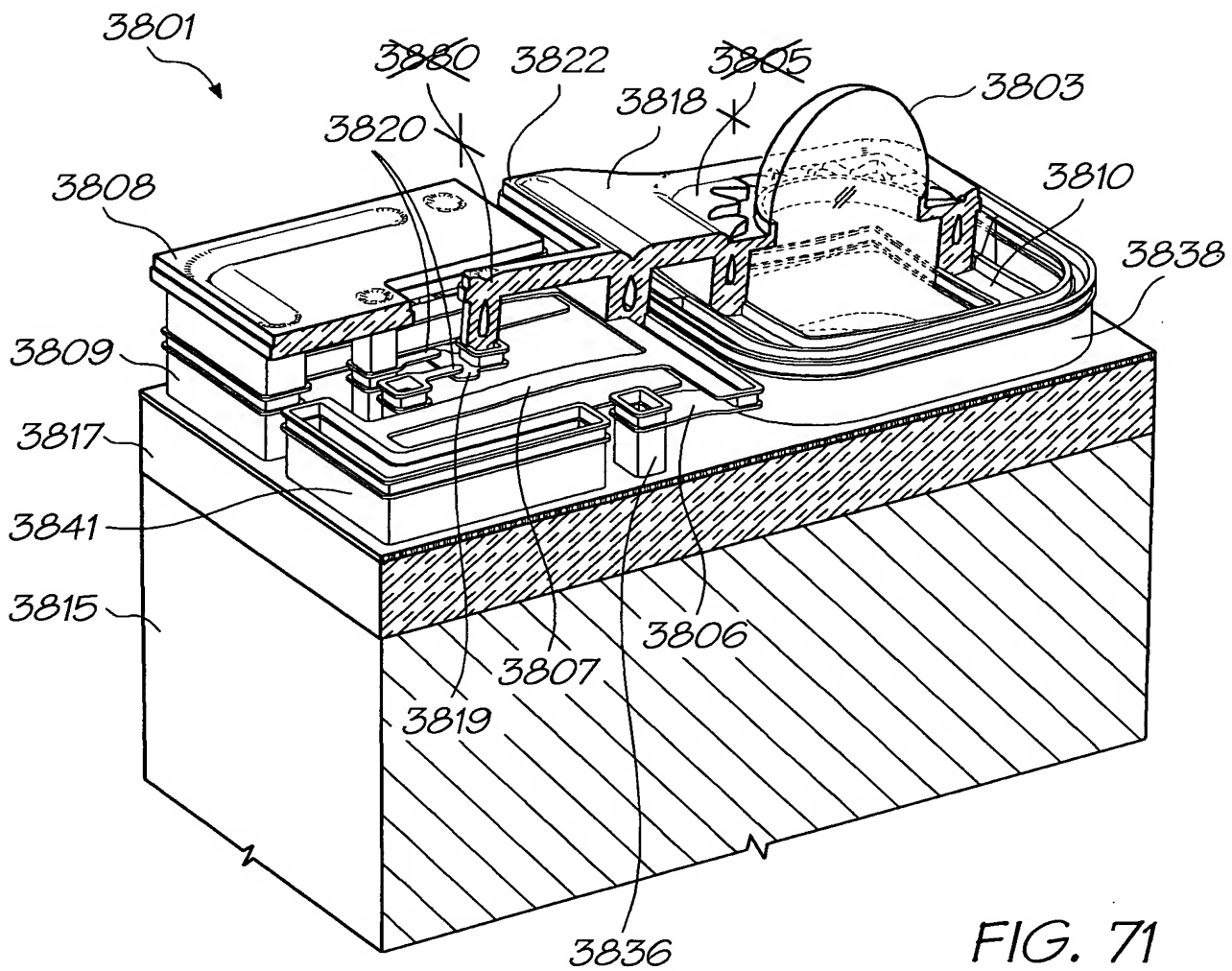


FIG. 70

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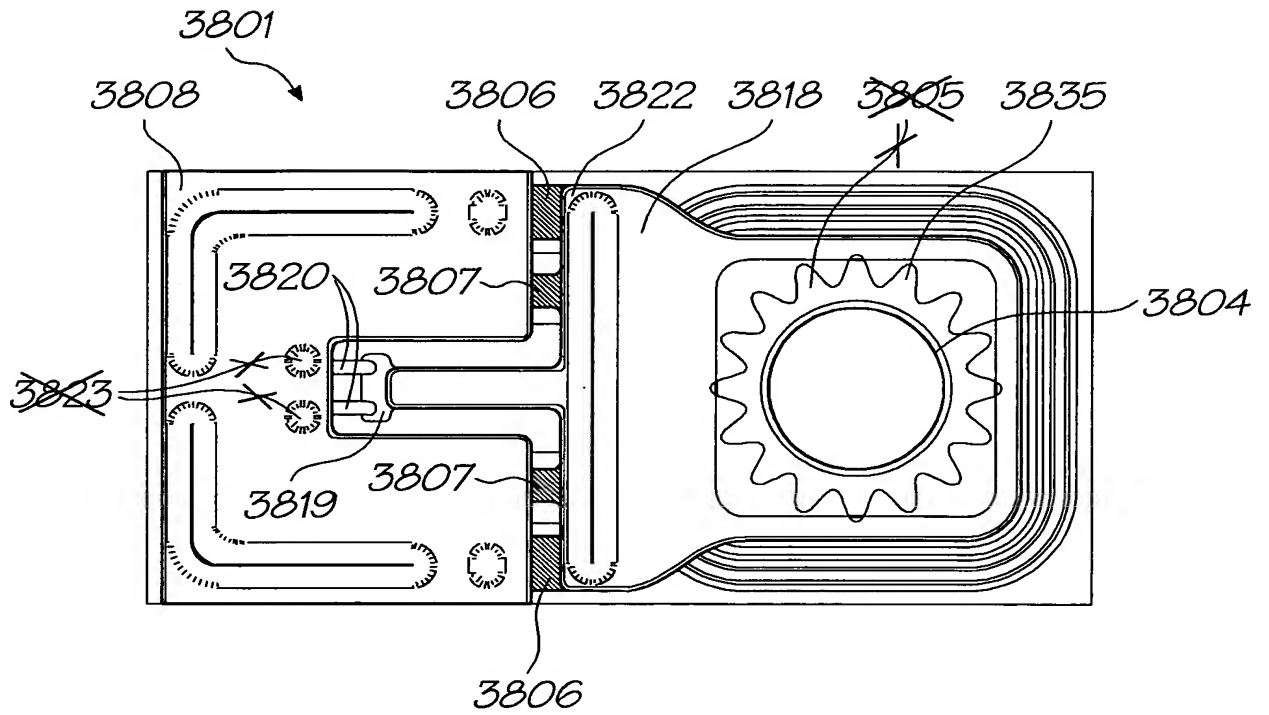


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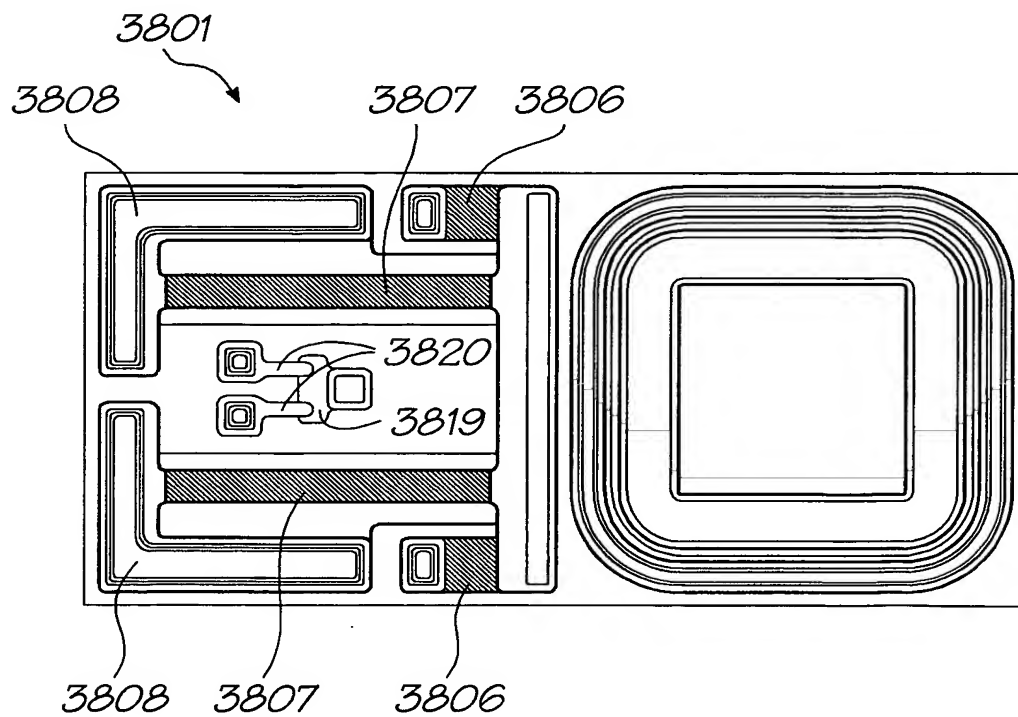


FIG. 73

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